

February 20, 2014

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Jeffries, Hoehn, and Higgins attending. Board members Fuelling and Curtis were not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Supt. Givens; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; Asst. St. Comm. Miller; Ed Adams; Andy Sucharitakul – Bernardin Lochmueller; Jeff Schelhorn; Josh Walden; and Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Jeffries moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated the will now hear the report of the Water Superintendent, as Water Chairman Curtis is not present.

Supt. Gray stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

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There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Hoehn moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Jeffries, Hoehn, and Higgins attending. Council members Fuelling and Curtis were not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Supt. Givens; Chief Beloat; Chief Dixon; Asst. St. Comm. Miller; Ed Adams; Andy Sucharitakul – Bernardin Lochmueller; Jeff Schelhorn; Josh Walden; and Sara Manifold – Mount Vernon Democrat.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilwoman Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Hoehn stated he has no report.

Asst. St. Comm. Miller stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairman Jeffries stated he has no report.

Chief Beloat stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Fuelling was not present.

Supt. Givens stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.

Attorney Higgins stated they have the public hearing this evening on the Ordinance of Additional Appropriations in the EDIT Fund, which the Council passed on first reading at their last meeting.

Mayor Tucker opened the public hearing by asking if anyone in the Audience wished to speak for or against the additional appropriation ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker then closed the public hearing and asked Council for their wishes.

Councilman Hoehn moved the Ordinance of Additional Appropriations in the EDIT Fund pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Jeffries.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Jeffries – yes; Fuelling – absent; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – absent; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker stated the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker stated under Old Business, is discussion on the East Side Sewer Project.

Attorney Higgins stated Supt. Givens contacted BLA and as this topic is really a Board of Works issue, they will have an informational meeting for the engineer to discuss and explain the project, on March 4 at 6:00 pm, here at City Hall. She added this meeting will explain the project, give a time line, detail expectations, and outline the responsibilities of the business owners in the area.

Supt. Givens added he also has notifications of the meeting that he will be passing out.

Attorney Higgins stated he needs to make sure everyone that would be connected to that main gets a flyer. Everyone needs to know about the meeting.

Supt. Givens stated he also made up questionnaires earlier that people filled out.

Jeff Schelhorn stated in order for his business to grow, he has to have city sewer and gravity flow would be great for his business. He added he believes that gravity flow sewers would be most cost effective for everyone, as no one out in that area can afford a force main. But again, it is a must for expansion.

Josh Walden agreed and added it will definitely depend on the cost.

Supt. Givens added that is the purpose of the notice.

Mr. Schelhorn then stated there is property for sale out there this might just help get it sold.

Councilman Jeffries agreed they need infrastructure in the area.

Councilwoman Higgins agreed but added her concern, for one, is the lift station on Smith Road. It is in need of some major repair and she feels they should take care of what they have first.

Supt. Givens replied that is in the plans to be addressed. He believes it is included in the left over SRF money.

Councilman Hoehn stated he believes those in attendance tonight are here to show support for the project, but he also agrees with Councilwoman Higgins on the problem areas. He stated he believes it can all be done together. He added the folks affected by the east side project want access on both sides of the road – no boring. He then stated they may be able to do a lot of the work on their own, as most of the business owners out there have their own backhoes.

Supt. Givens stated that needs to be brought up at the meeting on March 4.

Councilman Hoehn questioned the engineer involved ?

Supt. Givens replied Mike Gangstad with BLA out of Indianapolis.

Mr. Sucharitakul added he is BLA's local contact.

Mayor Tucker stated the timing on this couldn't be better. Councilman Hoehn has been instrumental in getting this going and thanks to the Long Term Control Plan coming in under budget, around \$900,000, they the left over money to do it. It was a good project and it was done well. He added they may be able to get the lift stations on the west side of town taken care of as well. He stated he is glad the business owners that are here tonight came to the meeting, but the meeting on March 4 will help with more details. He added they can move quickly on this project as he has already received a verbal OK from SRF – though he would like to see one in writing.

Councilman Hoehn stated he wants to thank Mr. Walden and Mr. Schelhorn for being here tonight.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilman Jeffries stated he has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling was not present.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis was not present.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins River Days will be celebrating their 7th year this year, and the first meeting will be next Tuesday. The Bi-Centennial Committee is also moving forward.

Mayor Tucker stated thanks to many people, they got the Stellar applied for by the deadline of February 19, 2014. He added he feels it is one of the best they have done.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Jeffries moved the meeting be adjourned. seconded by Councilman Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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